

[Regulation & Policy Committee]
[Waterside Marriott] Norfolk, Virginia
[November 11 2009]
[10:00 a.m.]

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Campbell, Jason Chandler, Jim Collins, Jennie, Chair Gray, James Hoback, David Rhodes, Ed Wagner, Karen Wilson, Anthony Woods, Greg	Critzer, Gary	Berg, Michael D.	Rhodes, Carol Altman, Billy
Samuels, Gary (for Mike Staples)			

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Call to Order	10:03 a.m.	
Welcome and Introductions	Chair person Collins introduced Mr. Gary Samuels who is representing Mr. Staples in his absence. In addition, she has been notified by Mr. Molnar of the Virginia Professional Fire Fighters, that they are requesting that Mr. Samuels represent their seat, replacing Mr. Staples n the Regulation and Policy committee.	Mr. Samuels to be added to the Regulation and policy Committee replacing Mr. Michael Staples representing the Virginia Professional Firefighters.
Approval Minutes	A motion passed (Rhodes/Hoback) to approve the minutes from August 2009 as amended.	Minutes to be posted on Town Hall.
Updates	Staff provided a brief update on the following regulatory processes: 12VAC5-66 Durable Do Not Resuscitate draft proposed regulations – still awaiting signature from Governor’s Office. Once signed, we can continue with the regulatory process and initiate the public comment period.	No actions currently – awaiting signature and then public hearings will be scheduled with assistance from regional EMS Councils.

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Updates (continued)	<p>12VAC5-31 Emergency Medical Services draft proposed regulations – still awaiting signature from Governor’s Office. Once signed, we can continue with the regulatory process and initiate the public comment period.</p> <p>Staff was made aware that at least two (2) different meetings have been held with the Governor’s office to facilitate understanding and encouragement to sign the proposed EMS regulations in order to move along the regulatory process. No commitment was provided by the Governor’s office at this point.</p>	
Unfinished Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Templates – no activity as Committee awaiting movement on proposed regulations. 2. SWOT analysis – The Bylaws Committee of the EMS Advisory Board will be presenting a concept this afternoon to the Advisory Board for input prior to any possible “restructuring” of the various committees. This work is “in-progress”. 	<p>Staff to contact regional councils to seek assistance in obtaining various agency policies and procedures. Such collection of examples will assist in developing templates for the upcoming regulations.</p>
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agency application and licensure – staff shared recent challenges and examples of entities seeking agency licensure. Language does not exist within the Code of Virginia or within the Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations to deny an application for EMS agency licensure. Discussion and concerns were raised regarding special interests or “closed” organizations seeking agency licensure that do not have or will not have a direct and/or immediate impact on the delivery of EMS to the citizens of the Commonwealth. 2. Committee member Hoback inquired as to what, if any, thoughts had been considered by staff in light of budget challenges to incorporate alternatives to agency inspections, i.e. lengthening the licensure period to three years, accreditation, etc. 3. Training file requirement – in light of electronic availability, is it still necessary to maintain a copy of the provider’s certification in the agency training files? 4. Stretcher Vans – Committee member Wilson inquired as to OEMS “regulating” stretcher vans – he cited several examples of inappropriate use by the vendor and facilities. 	<p>Staff along with committee members is to draft proposed language to present at the next Committee meeting for consideration for adoption within the Regulations or possible Code of Virginia language amendment.</p> <p>The Workforce and Development committee has been working on a “Standards of Excellence” program to promote a state level accreditation process. The Code of Virginia would need to be changed to lengthen the licensure time frame.</p> <p>Staff will work to address in light of electronic advancements.</p> <p>Staff and committee members noted the history behind this transportation type and to whom this should be addressed to.</p>

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Next Meeting	As of this meeting the EMS Advisory Board had not met to share proposed meeting dates. Once the dates are proposed, the chair will work to set the dates for the upcoming year. In addition, the Nominating Committee for the Advisory Board will submit a slate of names for the various positions, including committee chairs this date – thus the Chair’s position may be changing.	Staff to work with Chair to establish upcoming Committee meeting dates.
Public Comment	None	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.	